



THE GOLD AND SILVER

SPECIAL REGION 12 RALLY EDITION

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President's Message

This edition of the Gold and Silver reflects back on the very successful Region 12 Rally held recently in Jackson, California where we had just shy of 100 Airstreams and a total of 184 members attend this exciting event. Both Lynda and I were elated to meet so many of our Region's members from across California and Nevada. It is always a pleasure to catch up with 'old' friends and to meet new ones. Thank you for joining us in Jackson!

An event of this magnitude could never be possible without the team responsible for hosting. I wish to thank the NorCal Unit for hosting and specifically the team which made the magic happen. These members include Rally Chair, Pat Lazzereschi and committee members Dan and Gail Crutchfield, Phyllis and Mike Minadeo, Hedda Smithson and Vicki Gallagher. Thank you for all your efforts which were very much appreciated by those attending the Region 12 Rally.

As we begin to wrap up another successful year in Region 12, I want to wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Jim

WBCCI'S Big Red Stars

...as shared with Lynda Polk

At the Region 12 Rally held in Jackson, California I took a walk in the afternoon and swear I had never seen so many stars under a clear, blue sky. Not bright, twinkling stars in the night sky above, but ten big red stars on an Airstream B Van! I headed over and knocked on the door where I met Dorothy and Ernest Farinha of the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club.

Not familiar with WBCCI's red stars? Each star represents five years of WBCCI (Wally Byam Caravan Club International) membership which means Dorothy and Ernest have the honor of being part of an extraordinary group of only 24 club members celebrating 50+ years of membership!

Dorothy, or Dot, grew up in Auburn, CA while Ernie resided in nearby Lincoln. College sweethearts who met while attending Placer Junior College, they celebrated 63 years of marriage in February.

Always curious to discover *why* a member chooses an Airstream over other brands, Ernie shared that in 1966 it was a friend who convinced them to purchase their first Airstream. For \$4,000, they hitched up a 1966 20' GlobeTrotter and the rest, as they say, is history.

Over the next hour we reminisced about their Airstream experiences enjoyed over the past half-century that have included travel to 49 states and all of Canada's provinces. The Farinha's participated in several caravans including the 1967 caravan to Mexico with 57 Airstreams and 65 children. I was amazed to hear this caravan was accomplished not only in their 20' GlobeTrotter, but also with their four young children between the ages of 2 and 11. It was not surprising to learn their next Airstream purchase gave the family more room to travel together in a 30' Sovereign.



Other caravans included the Eastern Canada adventure in 1968 with 450 Airstreams; the Cajun Caravan, and in 1995 the Newfoundland Experience.

Not only were caravans on their Bucket List, but International Rallies were also. In all they have attended 27 Internationals around the United States and Canada. Two particular Internationals brought back vivid memories. The first was the 1976 Louisville International where it rained nine days straight. When the bullpen, where attendees wait to be parked at the event, turned into a sea of mud, Ernie pitched in to pull many Airstreams out of the bullpen.

The other interesting memory was the 1968 Grand Island, Nebraska International when a tornado warning, in the middle of the night, required attendees to gather under the racetrack's grandstand at 4:00 a.m.

Dot and Ernie, who full-timed for a decade starting in the mid-90s, have held WBCCI membership in four Region 12 clubs beginning with the NorCal Unit in 1966, the Santa Clara Unit in 1969, charter members of the Golden West Unit in 1971 and are currently members of the brand new Lake Tahoe Airstream Club. Now on their 10th Airstream in 50 years, they are looking ahead to the Salem, Oregon International Rally in 2018. When I asked if there was a rocking chair *anywhere* in their future Ernie adamantly replied, "No, no, no!"

Officer Spotlight....

Cecelia Stansbury, 1st Vice President



Cecelia and Bob joined the WBCCI in November 2002 after purchasing a 25' Safari. They owned a cabin with friends off Highway 88 since the early 1970s and with their children grown, decided to sell their interest and buy a 'cabin on wheels'. In 2006, they upgraded to a new 28' Classic and love it. The Stansbury's served in leadership roles in the Greater Bay Area Airstream Club (formerly Santa Clara Unit) before helping to create the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club. Cecelia served as Recording Secretary at the International level in 2012-13 while Bob served as Region 12 President in 2013-15. We think they are the first couple to hold both Region and International positions!

Cecelia received a Legal Secretarial Degree from Armstrong University in Berkeley and held numerous other positions, including IT work, when computers were finding their way into the work place. She has also served in varying positions within the Legal Secretaries Association. Both Cecelia and Bob are active in their church where they also hold leadership roles.

During their years in the WBCCI, they have participated in five caravans and various special event rallies along with 12 International Rallies. In April 2018, Cecelia and Bob will celebrate 50 years of marriage while enjoying the Civil War Caravan. They feel the friendships they have formed and the places they have visited are the best reason for Airstream owners to become involved in our great club.



Don Williams, Membership Chairman

Don was appointed Region 12 Membership Chairperson in 2012. He and his wife Gail, members of the Sierra Nevada Unit since 2007, live in Riverside and purchased their first Airstream, a 22' International CCD in 2004 before eventually trading up to a 28' International in 2012. The Williams' also have a 1960 Globester awaiting reconstruction. Don and Gail have attended most international rallies since 2008 in Bozeman.

Don is an avid motorcyclist who commuted daily by motorcycle to college and to his 35-year professional career at the City of Corona. He

continues to travel throughout California, the West, United States and Canada on BMW motorcycles. The highlight of his travels have been two separate tours through Canada and Alaska, long before he and Gail participated in the WBCCI's, Alyeska, the Great Land Caravan.

Don KD6UVT is 3rd VP of the WBCCI Amateur Radio IntraClub and serves his local community as a Volunteer Disaster Service Worker in Riverside County Emergency Management Department's Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) program. The Williams' travels include remote and primitive areas of the United States dry-camping as a part of their holidays, cross-country travels, SNU rallies and when providing emergency communications for competitive events in remote areas of America's southwest.

Scenes from a Region Rally

Silent and Live Auction Results/Rally Committee

This year's charitable organization, the Fisher House, provides a free 'home away from home' for families of patients receiving medical care at military and VA medical centers. This allows families to be together and for the healing process to begin. There are 72 Fisher Houses in the US, Germany and the United Kingdom. For more information check out: www.fisherhouse.org



A big thank you to the Region 12 clubs and individual members who donated baskets and other great items for the Silent Auction!

Molly Locklin of the NorCal Unit, with her Felt bicycle, generously donated by Papa Wheelie Bicycles in Garden Grove. Molly held this exciting Live Auction prize only momentarily before graciously

handing the bicycle to the next top bidder, Charlie Havill of the NorCal Unit, thereby increasing their combined donation immensely to the Fisher House. Thank you for your generous action, Molly and congratulations to the Havills! Also, an enormous thank you goes out to Frank and Karen Pickett of the El Camino Unit for arranging this donation and a heartfelt thank you to Papa Wheelie's "A *Very Friendly* Bicycle Shop'!

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS MEMBERS WHO PROVIDED DONATIONS AND PARTICIPATED IN BIDDING, THE OVERALL CONTRIBUTION DONATED TO THE FISHER HOUSE WAS \$4,500.00



A warm thank you, on behalf of all attendees, to the Region 12 Rally Committee which worked diligently, when not in the photo booth, to bring this outstanding event to us. Pictured (left to right) Phyllis Minadeo, Pat Lazzereschi, Mike Minadeo, Hedda Smithson, Gail and Dan Crutchfield. (not pictured Vicki Gallagher).



Region 12 Officer Induction

Tom Smithson, immediate past Region 12 president had the honor of inducting our new 1st Vice President, Cecelia Stansbury; and 2nd Vice President, Eric McHenry into office.

Thank you, Cecelia and Eric, for stepping into these important roles. We look forward to working with our officers to continue our Region's success!

Note: Due to the fires in Santa Rosa, Eric was unable to participate on this day. LaVerne McHenry happily stepped in to accept Eric's 2nd Vice President's flag and their new badges...thanks, LaVerne!



Upcoming R12 Events

Rose Parade - December 28, 2017 - January 1, 2018

Wait List has begun!

<http://region12.wbcci.net/region-12-calendar/annual-rose-parade-rally/>

Cali Rally - April 19-22, 2018

3 spots remain!

<http://region12.wbcci.net/region-12-calendar/cali-rally-2018/>

June 23-30, 2018

61st International Rally, Salem

<http://wbcci.org/activities/international-rally/2018-salem-or/rally-registration>

October 3-7, 2018

Region 12 Rally - Save the Date!

Oasis RV Resort, Las Vegas

Region 12 Board Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2017 can be found on the Region's website.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS: Effective 9/1/17, New member badges are sent from Jackson Center directly to the new member!